

Aloha Committee Chair Gabbard and Committee Members,

I oppose resolution 12-57 to require labeling of genetically engineered food.

My name is HC "Skip" Bittenbender, my family and I live in St. Louis Heights. Both my wife and I are professors in the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources but my testimony is submitted as a private citizen.

By federal law it is unnecessary to label foods containing GMO ingredients, GMO foods are not different nutritionally from non GMO foods. Further labeling these foods simply increases the cost of food and will likely reduce sales by introducing a fear factor.

If someone wants to purchase food that has no GMO ingredients they can buy food labelled Organic or NON-GMO.

Thank you,

HC Bittenbender

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